



## “The 8 Things You Must Know Before Choosing Your Family’s Orthodontist”

1. Orthodontics today can do far more than just straighten teeth. Sculpting a beautiful smile requires an enormous attention to details that goes far beyond tooth alignment. My passion is not to simply straighten teeth, but rather to create a smile which increases confidence, self-esteem, attractiveness, happiness, and even fun for children and adults. I truly believe my orthodontic treatment creates life-long advantages and opportunities for my patients.
2. Only a small percentage of orthodontists are certified by the American Board of Orthodontics. **Dr. Schechtman is the longest established Board Certified Orthodontist in the Yorktown area.** He is the only orthodontist in Westchester and Putnam counties to offer SureSmile® Digital Technology to his patients. This advanced technology reduces treatment time by 30 percent over conventional methods, and accurately simulates how your teeth will look after treatment.
3. You enjoy many additional benefits and added peace of mind when you entrust your family’s orthodontic care only to a licensed orthodontic specialist. In some instances today, in our economic climate, general dentists are performing orthodontic procedures that are better left to an orthodontic specialist who has the experience and comprehensive orthodontic training to ensure favorable results. Just because a general dentist does orthodontic procedures, such as Invisalign®, or even braces, does not mean you should entrust your family’s orthodontic care to them.
4. Dr. Schechtman has personally treated thousands of children and adults since opening his practice in Jefferson Valley, New York in 1989. Many of our patients travel long distances to seek our services. Area dentists refer their patients to Dr. Schechtman for his expert opinion on difficult cases and bring their own children to see us. Dr. Schechtman’s patients have been voted “Best Smile in the Senior Class” at area high schools many times over. Dr. Schechtman has been voted one of *Westchester Magazine’s Best Orthodontist* every year.
5. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children should have an orthodontic evaluation by age 7. An experienced orthodontist can clearly see by age seven whether developmental issues can turn into problems. Early detection of common orthodontic problems such as crowding, premature loss of baby teeth, cross bites, or many other unfavorable developmental issues can lead to the implementation of the most appropriate treatment, that can result in a shorter course of therapy, and is less painful for the patient.

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6. At the time of their initial orthodontic evaluation, many children do not require orthodontic treatment, or do not require it yet. 50 percent of patients seen by Dr. Schechtman were recommended to return at a later date to begin their orthodontic treatment. If your child does not require orthodontic treatment at the time of your initial visit, Dr. Schechtman prefers to put them on recall and wait until treatment should be started (unfortunately, in our area, not all practices share this viewpoint that orthodontics should begin when it's best for the patient.) Frequently, no early intervention will be necessary, except careful monitoring of your child's dental development. This will give you peace of mind when it is not clear to you whether an issue you see is really a problem or just a stage of development that doesn't require intervention.
  
7. Although orthodontic treatment is possible at any age, there is an ideal time when the most conservative techniques will produce the best results. The orthodontist is specifically trained to determine this ideal time. Skeletal (jaw size) discrepancy treatment must be initiated while there is enough growth remaining, otherwise, compromises and compensations will be needed. Crowding is usually a result of narrow jaws and early orthopedic expansion can create more room for tooth alignment and a broader smile. Expansion has to be started at the right time and will not be successful if initiated too late. This is why early evaluation is advised.
  
8. Dr. Schechtman makes orthodontic care *affordable* for your family. We offer **NO COST** initial orthodontic exams and evaluations. In addition, if Dr. Schechtman recommends that you begin treatment at the time of your initial visit, we offer many options to make treatment affordable for you. We offer a No Money Down payment option and flexible, Interest-Free payment plans. In addition, we gladly accept major credit cards— Visa, Mastercard, and automatic debit services.

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